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Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor Manual

What Does It Mean to Be a TSRP?

TSRPs facilitate a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to the prosecution of impaired driving and other traffic crimes.

Traffic safety resource prosecutors (TSRPs) are typically current or former prosecutors who provide training, education, and technical support to traffic crimes prosecutors and law enforcement personnel throughout their States. Traffic crimes and safety issues include alcohol and/or drug impaired driving, distracted driving, vehicular homicide, occupant restraint, and other highway safety issues. Each TSRP must assess the needs and demands unique to his or her own State and work in conjunction with many agencies to meet these needs. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, law enforcement agencies, judicial organizations, crime laboratories (including forensic toxicologists), medical examiners, local media, Governor's Highway Safety Offices' victim advocate groups, and resources available from the National District Attorneys Association's National Traffic Law Center should all be used to facilitate services to all prosecutors and law enforcement.

Qualifications

- Juris doctorate from a law school accredited by the American Bar Association or the Supreme Court of the State.
- Member in good standing of a State Bar.
- Extensive experience in the prosecution of impaired driving cases and other traffic offenses.
- Knowledge or willingness to learn about the NHTSA/International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and the Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) program.
- Knowledge or willingness to learn about sobriety checkpoints operations, if applicable in the State.
- Knowledge or willingness to learn about saturation patrol operations.

Getting Started

In your first days and weeks on the job, you'll need to obtain and update background information about State and national traffic crash statistics – information that can be used by many different agencies for many different purposes. NHTSA is the primary source for national traffic statistics. Visit NHTSA's website at www.nhtsa.gov. You should also learn about your State's Highway Safety Plan through your State Highway Safety Office. A listing of State Highway Safety Offices can be found at www.GHSA.org.

For State information, contact the following State offices or their equivalent.

- Department of Transportation
- Highway Safety Office
- Department of Criminal Justice Statistics
- State Police/Highway Patrol Headquarters
- State Sheriff's Association
- State Association of Chiefs of Police

You will want to gather State-specific information, including the following.

- DWI arrests
- Drugged driving arrests
- Underage drinking arrests
- Alcohol-related fatalities and serious physical injuries in motor vehicle, pedestrian, and bicycle crashes

Assess the available and needed training in your jurisdiction. Identify and promote existing training, publications and training material. A big part of your job is letting prosecutors throughout your State know what resources are available, and letting other traffic safety partners know what you and other prosecutors can provide. Craft your training and publication efforts to fill any gaps in existing assets. Determine the following: (1) What professional organizations and legal groups associated with the criminal justice system are located in each particular area of the State, (2) What are the levels of experience of the prosecutors assigned to traffic offense cases, and (3) What are the important traffic safety issues that are underserved in areas of your State? Be aware that different areas of the State may have different training needs. Prioritize your projects according to the gaps you discover.

Familiarize yourself with your State laws, definitions and jurisdiction-specific practices regarding impaired driving, drugged, and distracted driving, and homicide (including murder) statutes as they pertain to these driving behaviors.

If you are not already, become very conversant in blood/breath testing laws, rules, and regulations in your State. Learn the procedures law enforcement officers are to use when administering evidentiary tests? Learn if those procedures vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. You will need to know which breath testing instruments are used by each law enforcement agency in your State and how they work. Request a demonstration of the instruments in use, if you are unfamiliar with their operation. Determine which agencies maintain the calibration records of the instruments. You will need to know the requirements for each instrument regarding calibration and maintenance in your State.

Familiarize yourself with your State's laws regarding sobriety checkpoints, if allowed, and DWI saturation patrols. Encourage law enforcement agencies to notify you of upcoming impaired driving enforcement events to ensure their legality and proper coordination.

Know your State's pursuit laws to assist law enforcement agencies in establishing proper pursuit protocols.

It is strongly recommended that you attend a *Prosecutor Train the Trainer* course. This course is designed to familiarize you with the concepts of adult learning and how to effectively conduct subject matter trainings. Several State prosecutor organizations across the country offer this training on an annual basis. Contact the National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators (see Appendix E) or another TSRP (see Appendix D for list of all TSRPs nationwide) to learn about availability. Costs to attend may be covered by your grant. If not, your Highway Safety Office might be able to assist.

If possible, shadow a fellow TSRP for several days. If you cannot do it physically, at a minimum contact a TSRP in a nearby State and introduce yourself. You should also join the TSRP Forum, an Internet-based group that features discussions and dissemination of information amongst TSRPs across the country. It is an invaluable source of assistance and information. Another forum you might find helpful is the National Impaired Driving Forum, whose members include prosecutors, law enforcement, and prosecution and defense experts from across the country. To join these forums contact the National Traffic Law Center at trafficemail@ndaajustice.org and request membership.

Learn the sources of your current funding, the names and contact information for each grant manager, and the activities covered by the grants.

Others things to know about your State:

- Identify and contact the State Drug Evaluation and Classification coordinator and SFST coordinator and introduce yourself. Advise the coordinators if you have participated in SFST, ARIDE, Online ARIDE, or DRE training.
- Determine which police agencies have specifically designated Collision Reconstruction Units. Contact them to learn more about what they do and how they interact with the traffic crimes prosecutors in your State.
- Identify specifically designated DWI and/or drug courts and request an invitation from the Judge and prosecutor assigned to the court to observe the court in session.

State toxicology laboratories:

- Determine if more than one lab is used by law enforcement agencies within your State.
- Ascertain what substances each lab can and cannot test.
- Identify the testing cutoff levels used by each laboratory.
- Obtain a list of all laboratory staff who conduct testing.
- Request a tour of the facility.
- Determine if the staff is in need of any training.

Contact victim advocate groups. Discuss their relationship with local prosecutors and law enforcement and what can you do to strengthen it, if needed. For additional assistance, visit the website for Mothers Against Drunk Driving at www.madd.org.

Develop a system for tracking all technical assistance requests you receive/respond to from prosecutors and law enforcement, etc. (name and profession of caller, date/time received, request and type of assistance provided). Other TSRPs or the National Traffic Law Center can assist you with this, if needed.

If permitted in your grant, participate in special police enforcement details. Contact local media outlets (TV, radio, newspaper) and develop working relationships.

Most TSRPs have developed websites and other social media outlets to help disseminate, among other things, their training schedules, case law updates, new trial tactics, and new resource material. You can coordinate information releases with other agencies in your State via these outlets to help keep your prosecutors current and informed. You can also create your own State-based Internet discussion forum for your traffic crimes' prosecutors. An Internet Discussion Forum also allows them to post questions to their fellow prosecutors and almost immediately receive responses. Other TSRPs and the National Traffic Law Center can assist you with the process of creating these tools.

Many TSRPs have developed on-line newsletters for the prosecutors in the State. These newsletters contain traffic-specific articles, recent State trial case summaries, verdicts and sentences, and up-coming trainings. Again, other TSRPs and the National Traffic Law Center can assist you with the process of creating these tools.

Networking

Send an initial contact letter to all prosecutors' offices and law enforcement agencies to introduce yourself (Appendix A). Include a "Needs Survey" to learn about the agency and the jurisdiction, what they are currently doing, and what they would like to do (Appendix A). You may also want to send introductory letters to other traffic-safety organizations in your State to advise them of the services you can provide. Those organizations could include Mothers Against Drunk Driving, other victim-services groups, local school boards and higher education facilities, probation and parole departments, State toxicology laboratory, driver licensing agencies, fire departments, medical groups, and community groups.

Once you have made an initial contact, follow up with a request for a meeting to discuss the organization's needs. This will enable you to review their needs and also find out what they are already doing that is working. Based on your discussions, you can schedule presentations on their specific traffic safety issues. Offer to meet or communicate regularly and to attend their events.

Become involved in traffic-safety-specific task forces. These are generally comprised of statewide or countywide traffic safety representatives. The task force may be asked to assist with legislative issues, program development and policy matters that can affect traffic safety enforcement and prosecution in your State.

Network with other TSRP's. They can:

- Identify problems and pitfalls, with possible solutions;
- Identify new issues emerging locally and nationally and assist in developing strategies to address these concerns;
- Provide guidance in drafting new legislation;
- Assist in the development of designated DWI prosecutors if they are not already utilized in your State; and
- Provide detailed steps in determining which trainings to hold in your State and how to organize and conduct these trainings.

Technical Support

Respond to inquiries from prosecutors and law enforcement regarding impaired driving and other traffic crimes, court procedures, recent changes to law, and defense challenges.

Conduct legal research on a variety of issues unique to your State for use in legal memoranda, at hearings, trials, or on appeal.

- Search and seizure
- SFSTs
- DEC/DRE
- Blood draws
- Saliva testing
- Implied consent
- Event data recorders
- Law enforcement in-car cameras
- Law enforcement body cameras
- Breath test procedures and instruments
- Defense experts
- Case law updates
- Legislative updates
- Legal briefs in topic-specific areas
- First- or second-chair hearings and trials, if they are requested and permissible in your State.

Consult NTLC for information in their database on these topics and more.

www.ndaajustice.org/ntlc_home.html.

Collect available publications and resources.

- NTLC monographs and newsletter (contact NTLC or consult its website)
- NHTSA (www.nhtsa.gov)
- NDAA magazine, *The Prosecutor*
- National Center for Statistics and Analysis (www.nhtsa.gov/NCSA)
- National Center for State Courts (www.ncsc.org)
- Individual State TSRP newsletters (contact the State TSRP to receive)

Prepare or update an existing State-specific DWI manual for prosecutors. The manual may include information on current case law, pre-trial procedures, sufficiency of traffic stops, probable cause, blood/breath/urine/saliva testing procedures, proof of impairment, sentencing guidelines, vehicle forfeiture, defense challenges and examples of forms used in your courts. Many TSRPs have developed manuals already for their States. They would be an excellent resource for designing or updating your State's manual.

Training

The National Traffic Law Center, other TSRPs and the National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators can give you detailed, specific guidance in all areas of training including a detailed description of the training material available and how to obtain it. In addition, they can give you information on effectively organizing, advertising and conducting trainings.

1. Substantive Law Topics

- Search and seizure
- Breath/blood test admissibility and challenges
- SFSTs
- Toxicology
- Collision reconstruction

2. Traffic Specific Trial Advocacy Trainings for Prosecutors

Prosecuting the Impaired Driver, Prosecuting the Drugged Driver, and Lethal Weapon: DUI Homicide (prosecution of a DWI with a fatality), training curriculums are available for use. The trainings, in addition to substantive law topics also include modules on the fundamentals of trial: voir dire, opening, direct and cross of experts, and summation. (See Appendix C for full course descriptions.)

Also, the Prosecutor Train the Trainer course curriculum is available. The more prosecutors you train as teachers the more resources you have to teach substantive and trial advocacy training courses to other prosecutors and law enforcement.

3. Trial Advocacy Training for Law Enforcement

These trainings modules include: effective evidence collection, comprehensive report writing, and courtroom preparation. The Cops in Court curriculum, (see Appendix C for full course description) is available for use and can be taught as a full two-day course and modules can also be used individually or collectively.

4. Joint Training for Prosecutors and Law Enforcement

Joint trainings result in better case preparation and presentation. They foster good working relationships. Written materials should be provided to each participant at each training session. NTLC training materials can be requested at trafficemail@ndaajustice.org.

Training and support can be brought to prosecutors' offices and law enforcement agencies. You should look for training facilities that do not charge a fee (law school, community college, police academy, prosecutor or municipal office) and able to accommodate the size of the training class. In addition, remember you can adapt the length of training to meet the needs of the audience. Training can range from week-long trial advocacy to one-day substantive seminars.

In addition to your grant funding, you should also attempt to locate other potential funding sources to assist with the costs of trainings. Some suggestions:

- NAPC
- Foundations: national, regional or local

- Private corporations: national, regional or local
- State Highway Safety Office

A TSRP fills a critical void as the in-state expert on traffic-related offenses, including impaired driving and vehicular homicides. TSRPs understand the nuances of their State statutes and case law, build relationships with each of their State prosecutor's offices, and forge solid interactions with State highway safety offices. In short, you are *essential* to effective traffic safety adjudications and a necessary partner in the fight to end fatalities and injuries on our roadways.

APPENDIX A:
Sample Introductory Package

INITIAL CONTACT LETTER

Law enforcement agencies
Prosecutors' offices
Department of Transportation
State Highway Safety Office
State Toxicology Laboratory

Dear (title, name):

Nationally, traffic crashes of all kinds claim nearly xxxxxx lives a year. In (your State) in 20XX, traffic crashes took the lives of xxxx people and injured scores more. Additionally, traffic-related prosecutions, particularly DWIs and DWI-related fatalities, are among the most complicated cases to handle. Line prosecutors with substantial caseloads need a specialized prosecutor they can turn to for help, a person who focuses solely on traffic issues and prosecutions.

I am the Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor (TSRP) for (your State). My role as a specialized attorney/prosecutor is to provide education, training, and technical assistance to prosecutors and law enforcement throughout the State. I can assist you in a number of ways: coordinate trainings in your area, give individual technical assistance where needed, conduct legal research, and represent your interests at State and regional traffic safety meetings. Whether the topic is alcohol-impaired or drug-impaired driving, suspended or revoked drivers, aggressive drivers, distracted drivers, traffic stops, or any other traffic-related subject, I am here to support both prosecutors and law enforcement.

I am here to address the needs of (your State's) prosecutors and law enforcement officers in the traffic safety arena. We all have a common goal: to reduce the number of injuries and fatalities on our State's roads. By working as a team, we can make great strides toward this goal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with your questions and concerns. I look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

PROSECUTOR SURVEY

Location and geographic size of your jurisdiction

Population

Number of attorneys in your office

Number of police agencies in your jurisdiction

Number of sworn officers

Number of DWI arrests each year in your jurisdiction
DWI repeat offenders annually

Number of drugged-driving arrests annually in your jurisdiction

Number of vehicular fatalities annually in your jurisdiction
Alcohol related
Drugged driving

Number of vehicular assaults annually in your jurisdiction
Alcohol related
Drugged driving

Do you have specifically designated DWI prosecutors?
How are they funded?

Does your jurisdiction have a designated DWI court?

Do you provide any in-office training?
If yes, on what topics?
Do you provide written material?
How are they paid for?
Is the training conducted at your office or at another facility?
If applicable, do prosecutors receive continuing legal education credits?

Are you familiar with the:
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration?
National District Attorneys Association?
National Traffic Law Center?
National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators?
International Association of Chiefs of Police?
National Sheriffs Association?
National Center for State Courts?

Have you ever sent your prosecutors to any NDAA and/or NAPC training courses?
Which courses?

What other training courses do your prosecutors attend locally and/or nationally?

Do your prosecutors attend training with local law enforcement?

Do your prosecutors instruct law enforcement officers?

Police in-service training?

Police academy?

What training programs would you like to see offered to your prosecutors?

How else can your State's Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor be of assistance to you?

LAW ENFORCEMENT SURVEY

Number of sworn officers in your agency
Breakdown by rank

Number of DWI arrests each year by your agency
DWI repeat offenders each year

Number of drugged-driving arrests each year by your agency

Number of vehicular fatalities investigated by your agency each year
Alcohol-related
Drugged-driving-related

How many of your officers are certified breath test operators?

If applicable, how many of your officers are certified to draw blood?

Do you have specifically designated DWI patrols (saturation patrols)?
How are they funded?
How often do they operate?

Do you have a written sobriety checkpoint protocol, if permitted in your State?
How many times each year are they conducted?

Does your jurisdiction have a specifically designated DWI court?

Does your department provide any in-service training?
If yes, on what topics?
Do you provide written material?
How are they paid for?
Is the training conducted by your agency or at another facility?
If applicable, do the officers receive continuing education/training credits?
Who serves as instructors?
Other law enforcement?
Prosecutors?
Toxicologists/other experts?

Are you familiar with the:
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration?
National District Attorneys Association?
National Traffic Law Center?
National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators?
International Association of Chiefs of Police?
National Sheriff's Association?

What other training course do your officers attend (locally and/or nationally)?

Do your officers attend training with local prosecutors?

What training programs would you like to see offered to your police officers?

APPENDIX B: Resource Websites

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
www.nhtsa.gov

National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators
www.napc.us

National District Attorneys Association
www.ndaajustice.org

National Traffic Law Center
www.ndaajustice.org/ntlc_home.html

International Association of Chiefs of Police
www.theiacp.org

National Sheriffs' Association
www.sheriffs.org

Governor's Highway Safety Association
www.ghsa.org

Office of the National Drug Control Policy
www.whitehouse.gov/ondcp

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
www.samhsa.gov

Drug Enforcement Administration
www.dea.gov

Mothers Against Drunk Driving
www.madd.org

National Center for State Courts
www.ncsc.org

Society of Forensic Toxicologists, Inc.
www.soft-tox.org

**APPENDIX C:
Training Information**

TRAINING COURSES

NATIONAL TRAFFIC LAW CENTER

Prosecuting the Impaired Driver: DUI/DWI Cases

Trial Advocacy Course

This course is designed to create a team building approach between prosecutors and law enforcement officers to aid in the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of impaired drivers. Prosecutors and law enforcement officers participate in interactive training classes taught by a multidisciplinary faculty focusing on building skills in trying an alcohol related impaired driving case. Includes a discussion of the role of the prosecutor in both alcohol-impaired driving cases and community safety and covers standardized field sobriety tests, the pharmacology of alcohol and chemical testing. Each participant prosecutes a “case,” is critiqued on his/her live performance and given an opportunity to view him/herself on videotape. Throughout every stage of the course, participants receive direct feedback on their courtroom skills with assistance in how to compose more persuasive arguments and deliver more dynamic presentations.

Prosecuting the Drugged Driver

Trial Advocacy Course

This course is designed to create a team building approach between prosecutors and law enforcement officers to aid in the detection, apprehension, and prosecution of impaired drivers. Prosecutors and law enforcement officers will participate in interactive training classes taught by a multidisciplinary faculty.

The course begins with an overview of the drug-impaired driving problem in the United States and the substantive areas of training that police officers receive to be certified as a drug recognition expert (DRE). Learning about drug categories, signs and symptoms of drug influence, the role of the DRE in establishing impairment, and the role of toxicology in these cases will assist the prosecutor in developing methods for effectively and persuasively presenting this information in court. The course also addresses how to qualify the DRE as an expert witness in court and how to respond to common defense challenges.

Each participant will have the opportunity to prosecute a “case” including the opportunity to conduct a direct examination of a DRE and a toxicologist. Each phase of the trial is videotaped. Participants receive critiques of the “live” and videotaped presentations from experienced faculty. Throughout every stage of the course, participants receive direct feedback on their courtroom skills with assistance in how to compose more persuasive arguments and deliver more dynamic presentations.

Protecting Lives/Saving Futures *Interactive Participant-Centered Course*

This model curriculum is designed to jointly train police and prosecutors in the detection, apprehension and prosecution of alcohol and drug impaired drivers. This training is unique in two ways: (1) Experts in the fields of toxicology, optometry, prosecution and law enforcement designed and developed the curriculum; (2) Law enforcement officers and prosecutors are trained together by the experts in their respective disciplines. The training is the first of its kind to be developed nationally and is adaptable to all local jurisdictions.

The joint-training approach allows all the involved disciplines to learn from each other inside a classroom rather than outside a courtroom five minutes before trial. Each profession learns firsthand the challenges and difficulties the others face in impaired driving cases. This allows for greater understanding on the part of police officers as to what evidence prosecutors must have in an impaired driving case. Conversely, this training gives prosecutors the opportunity to learn to ask better questions in pretrial preparation, as well as in the courtroom. Both prosecutors and law enforcement officers learn firsthand from toxicologists about breath, blood and urine tests. A nationally recognized optometrist instructs police and prosecutors about the effects of alcohol and other drugs on an individual's eyes, specifically, horizontal gaze nystagmus (HGN). In turn, optometrists and toxicologists gain a greater appreciation for the challenges officers face at the scene in gathering forensic evidence and the legal requirements prosecutors must meet in presenting evidence in court. This exchange of information is beneficial to all involved.

Prosecutors and police officers participate in interactive training classes regarding:

- Initial detection and apprehension of an impaired driver;
- Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFSTs) and the effective documentation of observations of suspects;
- The medical background of the horizontal gaze nystagmus test, including the correlation of HGN to alcohol and other drugs;
- The scientific background of the breath/blood/urine alcohol and drug tests, and advantages and limitations of forensic testing;
- Identification of impairment due to alcohol as well as other drugs; and
- The effective presentation of evidence in court through trial preparation exercises.

Cops in Court *Trial Testimony Skills Course*

Designed for law enforcement officers with a wide variety of trial testimony experience, this course includes discussion and instruction on all aspects of trial preparation and courtroom testimony in an impaired driving case. Experts in the fields of law enforcement and prosecution present the curriculum to law enforcement officers, allowing the participants to learn firsthand the challenges and difficulties in impaired driving cases. This course is designed to be taught in one day and includes a mock trial presentation, with optional direct and cross-examination exercises. However, additional potential topic areas are discussed throughout the instructor manual and may be implemented in the training course to expand the curriculum if so desired.

Segments of this training:

- Understanding the Importance of Courtroom Testimony
- Report Writing
- Courtroom Preparation
- Direct Examination
- Cross-Examination
- Mock Trial

Lethal Weapon: DUI Homicide *Advanced Trial Advocacy Course*

Vehicular fatality cases are complex, requiring prosecutors to have a working knowledge of crash reconstruction and toxicology, as well as skills to work with expert witnesses and victims. The Lethal Weapon course is focused on assisting prosecutors to develop their knowledge and skills in trying these cases. A substantial portion of this four and a half day course involves presentations on crash reconstruction, technical investigation at the scene, and toxicology. The course also provides an advanced trial advocacy component in which participants receive a case file and participate in mock trial sessions where each of them conducts every stage of the trial. A unique feature of Lethal Weapon is the opportunity for prosecutors to conduct direct and cross-examinations of actual Reconstructionists and toxicologists. Specifically, this course teaches prosecutors to:

- Learn how a crash reconstructionist determines speed from skid marks and vehicle damage.
- Determine how vehicle and occupant kinematics assist in cases involving driving identification.
- Understand the prosecutor's role at the scene of a traffic fatality.
- Calculate blood alcohol concentration (BAC) by learning alcohol "burn-out" rates and the Widmark formula.
- Improve trial advocacy skills, particularly conducting direct and cross-examination of expert witnesses.

Who should attend?

- Prosecutors with a preferred experience level of four years trying impaired driving cases.
- Prosecutors who currently handle vehicular fatality cases.
- Experienced prosecutors who want to increase their understanding of the technical evidence required to prove guilt in cases involving vehicular fatalities, and at the same time improve their trial advocacy skills.

Train the Trainer *Faculty Development Course*

This course is designed to train instructors to effectively teach and provide effective feedback to learners. The curriculum is designed to be participant centered and instructor led. Each participant will be actively involved in the learning process. The program will provide all participants with a foundation in effective instruction principles, effective learning environments, promoting participation and interaction, and delivering effective feedback. The course teaches participants how to incorporate creative training techniques to deliver interactive presentations using techniques and/or materials that reinforce learning.

To provide the opportunity for participants to apply instruction techniques demonstrated during the course, each participant is required to design and deliver a presentation on an element of impaired driving trial advocacy or related topic. Strong emphasis is placed on assisting individual participants to expand and improve their training skills, regardless of their level of experience.

This course will also focus on improving fundamental skills of delivering effective feedback. Experienced instructors will demonstrate effective feedback messages throughout the course. Participants are given opportunities to apply effective feedback messages during the final participant presentations.

National Association of Prosecutor Coordinators

NAPC conducts prosecutor training through its membership. The prosecutor coordinators in over 30 Through NAPC States have received funding for various training that includes: *Prosecuting the Impaired Driver*, *Prosecuting the Drugged Driver*, *Lethal Weapon: DWI Homicide*, *Train the Trainer* and *Protecting Lives, Saving Futures*. The *Protecting Lives, Saving Futures* curriculum places prosecutors and law enforcement officers from the same locality in a training setting. This allows for an interaction between the two disciplines to understand the concerns that they experience. Interested State candidates should contact their Prosecutor Coordinator's Office.

SFST Resource Information (CD-ROM)

An SFST CD-ROM has been prepared for distribution to judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement officers. This CD contains all of the research to date on SFST and HGN. Also included are vignette of a correct SFST and HGN (as taught to the law enforcement officers). A key element of this CD is an index reference system for quick research and reference. It can be ordered through the NHTSA website: www.nhtsa.gov.

Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement eLearning Training

To access the ARIDE On-Line Course, visit www.rita.dot.gov/tsi/ and click on the second tab "Course Catalog." For more information about DRE school and ARIDE please contact the NTLC or NHTSA.

ARIDE bridges the training gap between SFST and DRE by enhancing skills of officers with general knowledge related to drug impairment, and by promoting the use of DREs in States that have the DEC Program.

To attend the ARIDE course, students must be a sworn law enforcement officer certified in SFST or a prosecutor responsible for the detection, arrest, and prosecution of DWI drivers. The SFST curriculum trains officers to identify and assess drivers suspected of being under the influence of alcohol while the Drug Evaluation and Classification Program provides more advanced training to evaluate suspected drug impairment. ARIDE is intended to bridge the gap between these two programs by providing officers with enhanced knowledge related to drug impairment and by promoting the use of drug recognition experts (DRE) in States that have the DEC program. One of the more significant aspects of ARIDE is its review and required student demonstration of the SFST proficiency requirements.

APPENDIX D

Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutors

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